

**Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2007**

A regular meeting and a committee strategic planning session of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism was convened on April 27, 2007, at the Governor's Office, Executive Tower, 1st floor conference room, Phoenix, Arizona 85007; notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism:

Members present: Ruth Britton Gerry Corcoran Irene Eldridge Carlos Galindo-Elvira Gerri Goldtooth Betsy Green Daniel Gregory Robin Hanson Chris Hogan Ryan Johnson Courtney Klein Gail Knight Catherine Land William Ludeke Teresa Minnick Liliana Ortega Brenda Patterson Derrick Stinson Spencer Willie	Members absent: Elizabeth Archuleta Dr. Daniel Garvey Lisa Guccionne Jaime Martinez Mary Mitchell Brenda Patterson Scott Somers Annisla Villegas	Staff present: Lindsey Ashmore Kimberly Broadie Aaron Fanwick Vida Jensen Tammy Paz-Combs Bob Shogren Melisa Tarango Guest present: Kathie Ferguson-Avery, Tribal Liaison, Southwest Area Manager Corporation for National & Community Service
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A. Call to Order

Chair Daniel Gregory began the meeting at 2:00 pm.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Gregory welcomed Commissioners and staff to the meeting. New Commission staff members were briefly introduced: Huma Haroon, recently named AmeriCorps Program Administrator, will serve the Commission in the capacity previously held by Vida Jensen; Vida Jensen will leave the Governor's Office to assume a new position in the Town of Guadalupe. Well wishes for Vida Jensen followed from the Commissioners thanking her for her work she provided to the State of Arizona. Aaron Fanwick, the new Program Development and Training/Inclusion Program Administrator for the Governor's Division for Community and Youth Development was introduced to the Commission. Aaron Fanwick will serve the Commission in the capacity formerly held by Bob Shogren, the new Executive Director for the Commission. Lindsey Ashmore was also introduced as the new Youth Development Program Administrator.

C. Review of Packet and Agenda

Commission Executive Director Shogren reviewed the packet with Commissioners and staff. The packet included: agenda; January meeting minutes; CNCS State Office report; Arizona Learn and Serve Report; Strategic Planning info; reference material; and press releases.

- A lengthy discussion on the press release section of packet followed, primarily concentrated on article from the Arizona Republic and the recent report released by the CNCS on volunteering in America

- A brief discussion and update on the College Funds Match was provided on the request of Commissioner Gail Q. Knight. Executive Director Shogren added the following comments:
- Prescott College's announcement of their matching education awards
- Also announced is the new ed award match to be offered by Grand Canyon University, which was orchestrated by Commissioner Anissa Villegas.

Executive Director credited former Commission Director Tammy Paz-Combs and Lauren Kielsmeier, Policy Advisor on Education for setting things in motion, ensuring the College Funds Match became a reality at the Governor's request and also acknowledged Commissioner Dan Garvey and Prescott College for being the first institution of higher education to match the AmeriCorps member ed award.

D. Approval of Minutes for October 25, 2006

Commissioner Derrick Stinson moved to have the Minutes approved, Commissioner Gail Knight seconded the motion. Motion passed. **(06.03.01)**.

E. State Office Report

- 1) In the absence of State Program Director, Lisa Guccione, Kimberly Broadie provided a synopsis of the State Report. Presented were the following:
- 2) Office Priorities
- 3) Partnering with Commission and AZ State Department of Education: LeaderCorps, Legislative Day, AZ Learn and Serve celebration, and AmeriCorps Week
- 4) Application renewals for VISTA and Senior Corps members, compliance monitoring for both groups; development of VISTA projects (Strategic Issue Areas)
- 5) White House Conference on Faith and Community Based Initiatives
- 6) Participating in the NY State Commission Administrative Standards Review
- 7) Also reported: updates on Senior Corps and VISTA
- 8) Recent accomplishments: mobilizing More Volunteers , RSVP of Southern Arizona, sponsored by Southern Arizona Community Action Program, located in Safford; Ensuring a Brighter Future for America's Youth with VISTA members Raul Flores and Jose Fernandez, Campfire USA; Harnessing the Experience of Baby Boomers; Engaging Students in their Communities
- 9) Kathie Ferguson-Avery, CNCS Regional State Office Rep and Corporation Tribal Liaison, graciously thanked everyone for their dedication and creation of "model state" incorporated and in use by other State Commissions and CNCS State Offices through out the United States.
 - a) The following Corporation Highlights were presented:
 - b) Reauthorization conversations taking place at a national level, the House has proposed language and at this time the Corporation has not been asked to provide recommended language around reauthorization
 - c) Ms. Ferguson-Avery encouraged Commissioners who are interested in helping shape what may or may not happen to stay involved and provide input on this matter
 - d) Caucus for National Service is very involved with programs, primarily AmeriCorps; both Senate and House members are talking positively about AmeriCorps
 - e) Ms. Ferguson-Avery explained this is a very positive time for National Service, in response to many nation wide areas of need where National Service can provide assistance.

F. Arizona Learn and Serve Report

- 1) Commissioner Gerry Corcoran reported on the following areas:
- 2) Learn and Serve Celebration held earlier in April; 37 programs present; over 5,500 students impacted through their service learning project; over 50 senior volunteers provided 500 hours of service; adult volunteers providing over 5000 hours of service; Leadership Workshop to empower youth, teaching them to take charge.

- 3) Students organize and begin planning their projects; students are out in community in order to create a community needs assessment. The projects provide the community assistance in areas which are in greatest need. An example of a project would be a Community Garden where students begin with community assessment and implementation of project, highlighting community involvement.
- 4) www.volunteersolution.org/acde project- created for schools to develop profiles of their school needs and a resource to be used by interested volunteers.
- 5) Regional trainings; participation in Share Fairs in Flagstaff and Tucson; provided training for LeaderCorps retreats.

G. Committee Strategic Planning Break Out Session

The Commission Committees conducted strategic planning break out sessions and were asked to return after break out sessions and briefly report out.

H. Committee Reports on Strategic Planning

- 1) **Development:** Recommendation was for Committee to go dormant and responsibilities be moved to Executive Committee. Commissioner Bill Ludeke moved to accept, Commissioner Liliana Ortega seconded the motion. Motion passed **(06.03.02)**.
- 2) **Communications:** The proposal of a statewide campaign; creation of a theme; large conference bringing various organizations and cities together; provide information to state agencies; a recognition event.
- 3) **Program Support:** Discussion on staff changes, staff Huma Haroon serving in former capacity which Vida Jensen previously held; Funding process; fingerprinting issues such as cost and how to support the programs with that cost; education award matches research; AmeriCorps Emergency Fund; the resignation of Catherine Land as Chair of Committee.
- 4) **Commissioner Engagement Committee:** All Commissioners will receive a booklet during the July meeting with list of all AmeriCorps programs and Commissioners in same district; service projects to coincide with Commission meetings, this is an Agenda item at July conference. First program scheduled for January 2008; Each Commissioner to adopt a program which they would serve as liaison.
- 5) **Mentoring Initiative:** Notification to all State employees with a payroll stuffer; involvement of State Agencies in Mentoring Initiative; securing a VISTA to provide assistance with intake and facilitating the contact with the process; promoting kick-off to mentoring month with a celebrity.
- 6) **Awards Committee:** Discussion surrounding events; reworking the awards program for 2007.

I. Call to Public

Call to Public was made, no announcements were made.

J. Adjournment

- K. Chair Gregory motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Bill Ludeke moved to accept, Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Dated this 12th of May, 2007

Respectfully submitted by:

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